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Dear Mr. Cluck,

I am concerned about the decision to be made about the Cape Wind electrical generation project in Nantucket Sound, and the criteria that will be taken into account.

I hope that the decision will be based on:
The need for electric power, and the ability of wind to provide it
The impact of the project on the water, fish, birds, etc.
Its impact on commercial and recreational activities such as fishing
The provisions for cleanup in case of mishap or project failure.

I hope that a test turbine will be erected to provide data related to these criteria. So far there is a marked shortage of actual data and a large surplus of claims based on guesswork.

I hope that the decision will not be based significantly on:
"negative aesthetic impacts" such as the view from the coast
an unfocused need to keep this area pristine and undeveloped.

I believe that the latter criteria are almost exclusively responsible for the organized opposition to the project.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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